Lady Doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital.

314 *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations, either this year (1110) or last year, from the public of Vaikam, for a lady doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were informed that the posting of a lady doctor at Vaikam would receive consideration when more Lady Medical Officers were entertained in the Medical Department.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

315 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are convinced of the necessity of a bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal west of the Shertala Police Station, English and Vernacular Schools ;

(*b*) how long it is since the old bridge on the site has gone into disuse ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public and the school-going children are put to very great inconvenience for want of such a bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Just over two years.

(*c*) Yes.

Toll-Gate at Neriamangalam.

316 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) when the toll-gate at Neriamangalam was established first ; and

(*b*) the toll revenue accrued to Government from the gate prior to the opening of the Neriamangalam bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) From the beginning of 1108 M. E.,

(*b*) Rs. 21,505 approximately.

Alleppey Water Supply Scheme.

317 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to provide drinking water for Alleppey from a reservoir to be erected at Pazhaveed ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the scheme has been scrutinised by an expert and

(*c*) the estimated cost and the approximate time for the completion of the scheme ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Generating electric power from a water-fall in Todupuzha taluk.

318 ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of a water-fall in the Todupuzha taluk ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when it came to their notice ;

(*c*) whether they have explored its possibilities for generating electric power ; and

(*d*) if so, whether they propose to utilise its possibilities ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1919.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question of the development of this fall will be considered if more power is required for the State after the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project has been fully utilised.

Honorary House Surgeons and Physicians.

319. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : With reference to the scheme of entertaining honorary house surgeons and honorary house physicians in Government hospitals, will the Government be pleased to state whether the scheme tried in the Government hospital has been found to be successful ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Yes if by Government hospital the member means the General Hospital.

Nursing staff.

320. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the needs of the medical institutions of the State in the matter of nurses have been fully met ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The answer is in the negative.

The Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

321. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the steadily increasing number of in-patients and out-patients in the Ophthalmic Hispital, Trivandrum, and in view of the lack of accommodation experienced in the present building, the Government have considered the necessity of housing it in a more commodious and better equipped building ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Steps are in progress to provide additional accommodation for the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

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